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SUMMARY: U.S. REVIEWED RESULTS OF INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. SWEDEN, DEPLORING "ALMOST COMPLETE SILENCE" IN CCD ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS DURING PAST YEAR, CALLED FOR CONTINUING WORK ON CW AND TABLED CW WORKING PAPER. GDR CALLED FOR NEGOTIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION AT CURRENT CCD SESSION.
COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADMIT UNEP REPRESENTATIVE AS
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OBSERVER IN INFORMAL MEETINGS ON ENMOD. END SUMMARY.

1. MARTIN (U.S.) REVIEWED RESULTS OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNES. HE NOTED THAT NO ONE HAD DISAGREED WITH U.S. EXPERT'S STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NO RELIABLE WAY OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN "PNE POWER" AND NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE; THAT PNES CONDUCTED BY NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WOULD NOT NECESSARILY ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO MILITARY CAPABILITY OF SUCH STATES; AND THAT CONSTRAINTS ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS BY NWS SHOULD BE ACCCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE CONSTRAINTS ON PNES, TOGETHER WITH VERIFICATION PROCEDURES, TO MAKE SURE PNE PROGRAMS ARE NOT USED TO GAIN WEAPONS-RELATED BENEFITS NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE. HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS NOT YET CONSENSUS ON SOLUTION TO VERIFICATION PROBLEM IF PNES WERE TO BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN.

2. THORSSON (SWEDEN) SAID THAT US-SOVIET 1974 SUMMIT STATEMENT CONCERNING JOINT INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS HAD RAISED HOPES, BUT RESULT HAS BEEN "ALMOST COMPLETE SILENCE" ON SUBJECT FOR PAST YEAR TO DETRIMENT OF CCD WORK. JOINT INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE TO MATERIALIZE BY SPRING 1976 CCD SESSION, AT LATEST, OR LOSE ITS CREDIBILITY. THORSSON TABLED SWEDISH WORKING PAPER DESCRIBING A MODEL FOR DELIMITING CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS IN AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY. MODEL, DEVELOPED WITH JAPANESE DRAFT TREATY IN MIND, WOULD MAINTAIN COMPREHENSIVE PRINCIPLE BUT WOULD ALLOW STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH.

3. HERDER (GDR), IN GENERAL STATEMENT OF WARSAW PACT POSITIONS ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES, CALLED DISCUSSION OF MILITARY ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES URGENT AND NECESSARY. SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION PROVIDES BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND ELABORATION OF ENMOD CONVENTION SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY DURING CURRENT CCD SESSION. WITHOUT REFERRING EXPLICITLY TO FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, HERDER URGED MORE EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SAID NPT PARTIES MUST PREVENT LOOPHOLES THAT WOULD ALLOW NON-PARTIES TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

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4. AT INFORMAL MEETING AFTER PLENARY, COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADMIT UNEP OBSERVER TO INFORMAL MEETINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 4. OBSERVER WILL BE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT PAPER OR MAKE STATEMENT, AND ALSO TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WITH UNDERSTANDING UNEP MUST RESPECT OFF-THE-RECORD NATURE OF MEETINGS. TUDOR (ROMANIA) ASKED IF WMO WOULD BE

ACCORDED SAME STATUS. MARTIN REPLIED THAT IF WMO SUBMITS REQUEST IT WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE COMMITTEE IN SAME MANNER; HOWEVER, NO REQUEST YET RECEIVED.

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